



REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 21, 2007, and to the objections and rejections set forth therein, reconsideration of these objections and rejections is respectfully requested for the reasons that follow.

Turning first to the "Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 112" section (the "Response to Arguments" section will be considered later), the Examiner contends that "one of ordinary skill in the art would not be able to identify the structure in the specification for performing the recited functions of predicting times, transferring information, determining whether a time period exists, and selecting an additional information transfer" and has required applicant "to amend the specification to include the material incorporated by reference and to clearly link or associate the structure, material or acts to the function recited in the claim," citing MPEP §2181(III)(B)(2). It is respectfully submitted that in accordance with MPEP §2181(III)(B)(1), one of ordinary skill in the art would be able to identify the structure, material or acts from the description in the specification for performing the functions in question, and thus the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph are, in fact, satisfied.

Considering the specific examples raised by the Examiner, the Examiner apparently concedes that the "means for establishing communications" is satisfactorily disclosed based on the quote from the published application. In any event, there does not appear to be any question as to whether this particular "means" is adequately disclosed.

With respect to the "means for predicting a time period during which the communications between the networks can be made," the Examiner contends that the